Frank Kluckhohn, Author, Dies at 62

Frank L. Kluckhohn, 62, a foreign correspondent for The New York Times during World War II and an author and publicist for conservative causes, died Friday in Martinsburg, W. Va., of injuries suffered in a car accident.

In one of the most famous incidents of his career, Mr. Kluckhohn, then a New York Times correspondent, was thrown out of Mexico in 1939 in an international fracas over his reporting.

Mexican officials claimed that he "maliciously misinterpreted" Mexican policies. Mr. Kluckhohn contended that his enforced departure was the result of his stories portraying a rapprochement between Mexico and Nazi Germany.

Mr. Kluckhohn was the author of many books, including, "The Real Eisenhower" and "America, Listen!," which sold more than one million copies. He was best-known recently as the author of "Lyndon's Legacy" and "The Inside on LBJ," which gave an unflattering depiction of President Johnson's associates, and which was used by the Goldwater forces in 1964.

A native of St. Paul, Minn., he covered both the European and Pacific theaters for The New York Times during World War II and was the first newsman to interview Emperor Hirohito after the war.

He later went into public relations and in 1950 was working for Allied Public Relations Associates of New York and Washington.

During the Eisenhower years, he was named an adviser to the State Department. He later wrote an article for The Reader's Digest chronicling how young foreign service officers were taught not to rock the boat and to follow the dictum: "Avoid making any decision for which you may be held personally responsible."

After his State Department stint, he worked for several years for the Republican National Committee.

In more recent years, he headed a conservative-oriented committee to review press ethics, and worked for the conservative Liberty Lobby.

In 1968, he oversaw the operations of the United Congressional Appeal, which raised money for conservative congressional candidates.

Mr. Kluckhohn is survived by his wife, June, and two sons, Richard and Michael, of Shepherdstown, W. Va.